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WEATHER.

Oregon and Washington—Fair.

KEEP HANDS OFF!

There has been bitterness enough in Astoria, in the past, about individual "butting in" on charters. The forthcoming charter-committee must be held absolutely free from such interference and must be organized on a basis of popular choice that will leave it utterly free from all reproach, or even suggestion of personal, or political, bias.

ONE SERVICE OF PRIMARIES.

One very valuable relief afforded by

the primaries lies in the immunity it offers to every man, with a banking for office, to run for the nomination despite the behests of party leaders that he lay down and keep quiet, while some chosen candidate goes to the front in the interests of "harmony and good politics."

EDITORIAL SALAD.

The talk of pensioning ex-Presidents looks as if the Government contemplated going into the insurance business.

Bernard Shaw writes that he has been "cured of vanity, of curiosity, of ambition." Let us hope it will be a permanent cure, but you never can tell.

The old-time fad for talking about one's pet ailments has happily gone out of date. It is very bad form to speak about disease or death, though in years gone by ailments were a staple topic.

No need to worry, say his friends, over the health of Senator Depew. All that is needed to restore his grand central smile is a little banquet season, air and exercise behind one of his famous chest-nuts.

A Michigan doctor has discovered that the anti-toxine employed in cases of diphtheria is a cure for the cigarette habit. If this proves true, it will be a stronger weapon in the hands of the crusaders against the paper pipes.

Although the lively gait at which women move these strenuous days, and the variety of interests which fill their lives have done away, to a great extent, with the old-time evil gossip, nervous troubles and insomnia have increased.

The purchasing agent of the Panama canal denies that he has let a \$20,000,000 contract for Russian cement. The Senate Committee says it does not believe the commission ever let a \$20,000,000 contract for anything but salaries.

It is announced there are not likely to be any more prosecutions for the Slocum horror. This relieves the anxiety of the surviving passengers, all of whom neglected to point out the fault of the owners and inspectors.

Filtering the air to be breathed in public school buildings is one of the later experiments in St. Louis, and is said to result in greater mental alertness and activity in the pupils. We modestly suggest that the text-books in use be next filtered; mental activity is wasted in tackling the trash with which too many arithmetic and grammar publishers have flooded the country.

Argentina is watching its own growth with more assiduity than the United States watched its growth. She takes a census every year instead of waiting a decade. The latest shows her population to be 5,410,028, a gain of 250,000 or five per cent, over the previous year, something well worth knowing by the inhabitants. Italians and other immigration was responsible for a part of this increase, but the larger part was due to the natural increase of population. This speaks well for the South American Republic's homogeneity and healthfulness.

The editor in Louisville, Ky., who took District-Attorney Jerome and his prosecution of Norman Hapgood seriously and spent valuable space in denouncing Mr. Hapgood's inspirer, recalls to us the pompous ex-judge, who became an editor in Tampa, Fla. On the occasion of Mgr. Satolli's visit to the United States in connection with church matters a few years ago he used up a half column or more in denouncing and ringing the changes on Rome's attitude toward the Catholics in America shown by sending over "Manager" Satolli, as if Americans were craven enough to need "management."

No Quitting. Marryat—You don't believe in divorce, then? Mugley—No, sir; I've got too much sportin' blood. Marryat—What has that to do with it? Mugley—I believe in a fight to the finish.—Philadelphia Press.

A Woman's Way. Edith—What luck did you have in the last race? Maud—None at all. I backed all the horses with a pretty name but I didn't find the winner.—Illustrated Edith.

HAIR AND BEARDS.

They Have Played Important Parts in the World's History.

In centuries past the human hair played an important part in all judicial proceedings. Those that were permitted to wear beard and hair had rights that could not be claimed by the short and shaved. When men made out they touched their beard and hair, and women placed the finger tips of the right hand on their tresses.

Servants were obliged to have their hair cut, and if a freedman went into slavery he had to divest himself of his hair's adornments. An adult adopted by foster parents was obliged to have his beard shaved, and the shaving of beard and hair was a punishment inflicted on criminals. The jurisprudence of our ancestors dealt with punishment "by skin and hair" for small offenses and "by deck and hand" for greater crimes.

There has always been more or less superstition about hair. Great strength was implied by it, and wizards and witches knew of concoctions of hair by which they poisoned enemies. Cat's hair was especially named in the category of poisonous hairs, and even at the beginning of the seventeenth century Paulus Zacchias, a famous physician, writes of the virulent poison of the hair of cats.

Among civilized people such superstitious beliefs have gone out of existence and only Malays give their enemies tiger hairs in broth to kill them.

THE HUMAN RIBS.

Man Has Twelve Pairs, and Woman Has Just the Same.

A man who had been sick said he was so thin he could count his ribs.

When I heard this statement I asked, "How many did you count?" He was unable to answer. Several friends were standing by, and the query was put to them. Not a man could tell the number of his ribs. One bright chap said in all seriousness that a woman has one more rib than a man, because man lost one in the fashioning of woman. And, do you know, this belief is common? Suddenly spring the question on any acquaintance you may happen to meet in the day's journeying. Unless he be a medical man he will in all probability be unable to answer.

It is an anatomical fact that man has twelve pairs of ribs and woman the same number. The four short ribs, two on each side, are the "free" ribs, and in all probability Eve was made of one of these. A man could manage to struggle through life without his free ribs, and I have no doubt that ere long some corset manufacturer will require woman to have hers removed in order to lengthen her waist and to reduce its girth. To break a few of the asternal ribs (ten altogether) is nothing; to break some of the sternal (fourteen in number) ones is far more serious.—New York Press.

RUNDOWN AND NERVOUS

Vinol Restored the Health of Miss Blair, Pres. of Sophomore Club.

Our well-known druggist, Charles Rogers, says, "Many people right here in Astoria are just in Miss Blair's condition, all run down, hardly able to drag about, don't know what ails them."



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POLITICAL COLUMN.

Announcements of candidates for office will be published in this column at reasonable rates for men of all parties.

FOR GOVERNOR.

Republicans of Oregon are hereby informed that I am a candidate for the nomination of Governor at the primaries to be held April 20th.

JAMES WITTHCOMBE.

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Secretary of State, and ask the support of all Republicans.

F. T. WRIGHTMAN.

FOR STATE PRINTER.

The undersigned announces himself as a Republican candidate for re-nomination for State Printer at the forthcoming primaries.

J. R. WHITNEY.

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-nomination for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and solicit the support of all Republicans at the primaries, April 20th.

J. H. ACKERMAN.

FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

The undersigned hereby announces himself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Attorney-General, subject to the approval of Republican voters at the primaries.

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